

Durant, Jennah

From: Durant, Jennah
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 2:51 PM
To: 'Daniel Ross'
Subject: RE: Georgia Pacific - Crossett
Attachments: epa-303d-action.pdf

Hi Dan,

Thanks for your patience. More information is below:

- One concerns a triennial review, purportedly being conducted currently. I was wondering what information you can provide about that review: how long the review will take? What exactly are you looking at as part of the review? Is the EPA coordinating with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality on the review? How long will it take?

States are responsible for triennial reviews of state water quality standards. Please refer to ADEQ for information on their triennial review. EPA formally acted on Arkansas 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016 303(d) lists of water bodies on July 19. Attached is a copy of our letter.

- I understand that EPA conducted a number of inspections of GP towards the end of last year. I was wondering what information (reports, etc...) you can provide on those inspections - is the EPA still working with GP to negotiate a resolution?

EPA's National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) conducted a multimedia inspection in 2015. We are working with GP on a final resolution of the NEIC inspection findings and have issued several enforcement actions. Both the report and the actions can be found on EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/ar/compliance-assurance-and-enforcement-documents-arkansas>

- Lastly, I was wondering what information you can provide as to any follow up (and possible enforcement actions) taken about toxic hazardous waste stemming from GP that was dumped on the land of a private citizen called Ken Atkins. In a documentary titled Company Town, about the legacy of contamination from the plant, an EPA inspector acknowledges the possible illegal contamination, but I can't find anything online about any follow up enforcement actions taken.

We have conducted numerous hazardous waste inspections at the GP site but we are not aware of any illegal dumping of hazardous materials by GP on specific private properties.

I hope this is helpful.

Thanks,

Jennah

From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Georgia Pacific - Crossett

Hi Jennah - just a quick one to see how my questions are coming along.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 12:43 PM, Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov> wrote:

OK, got it. Thanks.

From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 2:41 PM

To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Georgia Pacific - Crossett

Hi Jennah - the 2015 reports clear up the misunderstandings I had in this original question from before:

- I understand that EPA conducted a number of inspections of GP towards the end of last year. I was wondering what information (reports, etc...) you can provide on those inspections - is the EPA still working with GP to negotiate a resolution?

But I'm still looking for answers to the following questions:

- Is the data from the hydrogen sulfide air monitoring program around the GP plant available to the public? And if not, when will these results be made public?

- In what capacity is EPA working with ADEQ, while ADEQ conducts its triennial review of the facility?

- Lastly, I was wondering what information you can provide as to any follow up (and possible enforcement actions) taken about toxic hazardous waste stemming from GP that was dumped on the land of a private citizen called Ken Atkins (who lives in Crossett). In a documentary titled [Company Town](#), about the legacy of contamination from the plant, an EPA inspector acknowledges the possible contamination, but I can't find anything online about any follow up enforcement actions taken.

Cheers,

Dan Ross

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On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 12:33 PM, Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan, just to clarify—do the inspection reports you found obviate any of your previous questions?

From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 3:55 PM

To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Georgia Pacific - Crossett

No worries about the dropped call!

Yes, I've contacted ADEQ about one air monitoring program, but I understand that EPA itself has conducted much more extensive air monitoring around the plant. Was wondering if that data is available.

I should also explain that I was mistaken in my original questions - the inspections I was after were from 2015, not towards the end of last year, and I've found those reports online.

Dan

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 1:49 PM Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan,

Sorry about the dropped call earlier; I was in a bad area for reception. Let me check on the status of the study and results. I might have asked you this already, but have you also contacted the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality? I believe the Arkansas Department of Health has been involved with the facility and residents as well.

Thank you for your patience.

Jennah

From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Subject: Georgia Pacific - Crossett

Hi Jennah --

This is Dan Ross, the reporter with FairWarning working on the story about the Georgia Pacific plant in Crossett.

I'd sent you a few questions a number of weeks ago. I'm not sure how far along you are getting that info, but I've refined the questions here:

- Is the data from the hydrogen sulfide air monitoring program around the GP plant available to the public? And if not, when will these results be made public?

- In what capacity is EPA working with ADEQ, while ADEQ conducts its triennial review of the facility?

- Lastly, I was wondering what information you can provide as to any follow up (and possible enforcement actions) taken about toxic hazardous waste stemming from GP that was dumped on the land of a private citizen called Ken Atkins. In a documentary titled [Company Town](#), about the legacy of contamination from the plant, an EPA inspector acknowledges the possible contamination, but I can't find anything online about any follow up enforcement actions taken.

I'd appreciate this information by the end of the week, if possible.

Sincerely,

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